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PHILIP S. GREEN

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment:

IN THE TITLE:

Delete "SURGICAL SYSTEM" and substitute therefor -- SURGICAL METHOD--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 26-45 without prejudice and add the following claims:

- 46. A method for performing surgery on an anatomy of a person comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a control assembly coupled to a surgical assembly including a surgical instrument having a forearm member, a wrist member pivotally connected to the forearm member such as to be capable of being pivoted about a first axis, and an end effector member movably coupled to the wrist member such as to be capable of being moved about a second axis that is generally perpendicular to the first axis;
- (b) inserting the surgical instrument of the surgical assembly of step (a) into an anatomy of a person until the end effector member reaches an internal surgical site within the anatomy of the person;

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